

Polk County Observer

GREAT DISPLAY OF POLK PRODUCTS IS SURPRISE TO "OLDEST INHABITANT"

MOST SUCCESSFUL EVENT IN HISTORY ENDS SATURDAY

Permanent Association Certain

From all Portions of County Comes Demand for Annual Exhibit; Influential People Interested; Complete List of Awards.

To the unearthly din of tin horns, cow bells, automobile sirens and every other noise-making contrivance which a fertile mind could invent, the first annual Polk county fair came to an end last Saturday night, when a big crowd of merry makers thronged the streets until a late hour, patronizing the various shows and spending their money freely in an effort to get all the fun possible out of the last moment of what is declared to have been the most successful event of the kind ever held in Polk county.

Everybody was down town. He might as well have been, for he couldn't exist in peace in his other, more quiet neighborhood. The crowd was an orderly one too. No acts of rowdiness have been reported, it appearing to be everybody's idea to have as good a time as possible without discommending the neighbors. Of course you occasionally got a feather duster thrust in your face and had your ear drums saluted with blasts from noisy trumpets but what of it?

McMinville Band Comes. The McMinville band, accompanied by a bunch of special Yamhill rosters, arrived on the late Portland passenger and were met at the station by the Dallas band and escorted up town where a concert was given on the band stand on the court house plaza. At least, one standing a few rods away could see the musicians going through the motion of playing, but nobody could hear them. An Italian dance by a number of Grand Ronde demizens added a touch of the aboriginal to the evening's fun. The McMinville boys mingled with the crowd and did their share toward making the night hilarious with sound and fireworks. The crowds which jammed the sidewalks were constantly on the go while the streets were filled with automobiles loaded to the guards with gay crowds, each individual member of which possessed some sort of noise making weapon which was worked overtime. It was a great night, and will not be forgotten for many months.

The Crowds Came. The crowds came to the fair. They came from every section of the county and they marveled at the display at the armory, at the poultry show and at the horse exhibit. The only drawback was the failure of the sheep goat and swine men to exhibit, but limited notices probably accounts in a large measure for this. On Friday Salem people to the number of at least 350 came over and helped swell the crowd. By far the greatest number came on the 2 o'clock passenger on the Salem, Polk City & Western railway, returning on a special train later in the day, but a large number came over in autos. The Salem train was met at the station by the Dallas band and the crowd was conducted to the Court House plaza where they were welcomed by Walter L. Toose, representing Mayor Craven. Secretary Hofer, of the Salem Board of Trade, responded in an appropriate manner and afterward the visitors mingled with the crowd and viewed the exhibits.

number would have heard it. If the plan as first proposed could have been worked out, and men of national reputation had been secured, it is certain that much greater crowds would have made it a point to attend. But, as it was, everybody was too busy with viewing the sights to listen to a political address.

Baby Show Prize Winners. One of the features of Saturday was the baby show on the Court House plaza and on the streets surrounding it. There were a number of entries and some very pleasing decorated cabs, not to mention the handsome occupants they contained. Judges in this contest had been selected as follows: Dr. Hellwarth, of Falls City; Dr. O. D. Butler, Independence; Miss Parrot, of the Oregon Normal faculty, Monmouth. However, owing to unavoidable circumstances, the latter two were unable to be present and the task devolved upon Dr. Hellwarth alone, who made the following awards: Best boy under one year, son of L. Raney, first; son of Peter Berg, second. Best girl under one year, daughter of J. R. Sibley, first; daughter of A. W. Bennett, second.

Best boy under two years, son of S. B. Taylor, first; son of Peter Berg, second. Best girl under two years, daughter of W. A. School, first. There were no entries in the other classes. Best decorated carriage, Mrs. C. L. Crider, first; Mrs. A. W. Bennett, second. Shows Do Good Business. The attractions offered by the Arnold Amusement company did a good business every day of the fair, but the record was made on Friday while the big crowd was here. Everything passed off as advertised on Friday. The balloon soared away into the sky, just as it was expected, and the daring rider cut loose and descended to earth as he was always done. The "high dive" and the ring work of Maj. Don, the wonderful midgot, held the attention of the crowds. The merry go round and Ferris wheel were generally patronized, and the maze with the "rings and the steins" did a thriving business.

A small exhibit of machinery was placed on Main street fronting the Court House plaza by Craven Bros., and Guy Bros., which added to the permanent appearance of the city. Everybody complimented the display at the armory and many prominent people from all sections of the county declared that the matter should not lapse with this year, but a permanent association should be organized and arrangements made to hold a fair every fall. The meeting called for Friday morning for the purpose of forming such an association did not materialize owing to the fact that everybody instrumental in promoting the idea, were up to their ears in work.

List of Awards. Following is a complete list of the awards made in the different departments of the fair. It is possible that mistakes exist in this list, owing to the fact that limited time at the disposal of the committee made it impossible to plan and provide for all the demands that might arise, and therefore some phases of the fair did not move as smoothly as one could wish. But all those in charge of the exhibits, and in arranging and placing them, unselfishly worked practically night and day without thought of pay and mistakes were unavoidable. In the following list, the exhibitor comes from Dallas unless some other residence is given:

- SCHOOL CHILDREN'S EXHIBIT. Class A—Vegetables. Field Corn—Edmond Hamilton, first; John O. Lacy, second; Lester Gardner, third. Sweet Corn—Paul Scott, first; John O. Lacy, second; Ray Grounds, third. Pop Corn—Harry Valliere, first; Margaret Hamilton, second; Ray Gardner, third. Watermelon—Clifton Martin, first; Milton Dent, second. Muskmelon—Homer Brown, first; Lester Gardner, second; Clifton Martin, third. Squash—Homer Brown, first; Paul Scott, second; Clifton Martin, third. Pumpkin—Paul Scott, first; Lester Gardner, second; Ray Grounds, third. Potatoes—Homer Brown, first; Fred Ridders, second; Vernon Osborn, third. Cabbage—Lester Gardner, first; Clifton Martin, second; Homer Brown, third. Table Beets—Albert Burelbach, first; John Pocht, second; Peter Dicht, third. Beets, M. W.—Clifton Martin, first;

YEAR'S PROGRAMS OUTLINED

DALLAS WOMAN'S CLUB HOLDS FIRST MEETING.

Committee Appointments Announced; President Submits Program For Work of Club For Entire Year.

On Tuesday, October 1, at the Presbyterian church, the Woman's club held their first meeting of the new club year, with the president, Mrs. Geo. Gerlinger, presiding. The president read an attractive program for the general meetings of the club for the entire year as arranged by the program committee.

Chairmen of the different sections of the club were present and gave brief outlines of the work to be undertaken and pleasures to be arranged for in each department. Those present were pleasantly entertained by a vocal solo by Mrs. C. G. Coad, a paper on current events by Miss Edith Starbuck, and two splendid addresses on the biennials by Mrs. W. E. Kink, of Salem, and Mrs. George Frankel, of Portland. Following are the names of members of the standing committees and board of directors for 1912-1913: Social committee, Mrs. J. G. Van Orsdel, Mrs. E. W. Miles, Mrs. J. L. Castle. Educational—Mrs. B. Casey, Mrs. I. L. Smith, Mrs. Tracy Staats. Program—Mrs. H. B. Cosper, Mrs. L. D. Brown, Miss Edna Morrison. Auditing—Mrs. H. C. Fakin, Mrs. W. L. Soehren, Miss Edna Brown. Board of Directors—Mrs. George Gerlinger, Miss Edith Starbuck, Mrs. C. L. Barnes, Mrs. J. R. Craven, Mrs. Oscar Hayter, Mrs. D. M. Metzger, Mrs. S. H. Taylor, Miss Nola Coad, Mrs. E. W. Miles, Miss Alice Goad, Mrs. G. P. MacGregor, and one representative yet to be elected from the Civic Improvement section.

Meetings will be held in the Presbyterian church until the new quarters in the library are ready. Members are requested to pay their dues as promptly as possible to the secretary, Mrs. J. R. Craven, or if more convenient they may be left with Miss Muscott at the library.

John Lacey, second; Ray Grounds, third. Carrots—John Focht, first; Clifton Martin, second; John Lacey, third. Celery—John Lacey, first. Grain—Ray Grounds, first. Bird House—Ray Smith and Elliott Tarbell, first. Piece of Furniture—Ezra Boyer, first; Vernon Romig, second; Harold Jenkins, third. Labor Saving Device—Manley Coates, first; Edgar Winter, second; Ralph Marks, third. Class B. Field Corn—Joseph McKee, first. Sweet Corn—Eliott Ward, first; Harold Wagner, second; Russell Alsip, third. Pop Corn—Dell Tedrow, first; Millie Osborn, second; Homer Bursell, third. Watermelon—Gail Hillibrand, first; Homer Bursell, second; Kenneth Bursell, third. Muskmelon—Kenneth Bursell, first; Lloyd Jones, second; Homer Bursell, third. Squash—Gail Hillibrand, first; Ella Tatom, second; Russell Alsip, third. Pumpkin—Teddy Ridgeway, first; Marshall Huntley, second; Freddie Hamilton, third. Potatoes—Russell Alsip, first; Millie Osborn, second; Maggie Odum, third. Cabbage—Gretzel Steele, first; Gail Hillibrand, second; Robert John, third. Table Beets—Annis Gilliam, first; Homer Bursell, second; Dell Tedrow, third. Beets, M. W.—Mabel Jost, first; Helena Rempel, second; Gail Hillibrand, third. Carrots—Pearl Yost, first; Gretzel Steele, second; Willie Hamilton, third. Grain—David Rempel, first; Bruce Allen, second. Sunflower—Lillian Chapin, first; Ralph Bennett, second; Orel Coulter, third. Bird House—Gem Harmon, first. Piece of Furniture—Orville and Charles Springsteen, first; Lockie Cooper, second; Frank Laughary, third. Labor Saving Device—David Rempel, first; Willie Marks, second. Best Individual Booth—Clifford Martin, Ballieton, first; Lester Gardner, Bridgeport, second. Best School Display (one room)—Elkins District, first; Guthrie district, second. Best School Display (two to five rooms)—Bethel district, first.

Canned Fruit. Class A—Hazel Houser, Dallas, first; Hazel Valliere, Rickreall, second; Myrtle Hayes, Dallas, third. Class B—Helena Rempel, Perrydale, first; Blanche Gibson, Salem, second; Hazel Bursell, Mistletow, third. Canned Vegetables, Class A—Hazel Valliere Rickreall, first; Helen Baird, Mr. and Mrs. N. Selig of Falls City, were Dallas visitors Saturday.

Prunes Daily Arriving in Greater Volume; Many Tons Due From Outside Neighborhoods. First grading operations at the prune packing plant of the J. K. Armsby company were begun on Friday and the first processing and packing operations on Monday. The crew is being gradually increased as the work progresses and more prunes are received at the plant until at the present time about 25 people are employed. The prunes so far used have come from local growers but a consignment is expected tomorrow from Marion county and other deliveries from outside sections will arrive rapidly thereafter, it is believed. Everything about the plant is working satisfactorily and indications for a good run are abundant.

LONG FIGHT IS ENDED. Siletz Basin Settlers Get Receipts for Filling After Strenuous Struggle For Their Rights. The culmination of a struggle of many years duration came to a practical end last Friday when P. A. Pinseth was called to Portland where he received his receipt for a homestead in the Siletz Basin country, on which he filed many years ago but for which he, in company with many other applicants, has been obliged to fight for, for several years. Others who received their receipts last week, are Richard Paul, of Falls City, and W. L. Wells, of Linn county. Though patents have not yet been issued it is practically assured that they will be and the end of the long fight is in sight.

Characteristic Snapshot of the Grand Army's New Commander



Photo by American Press Association. CAPTAIN ALFRED BISHOP BEERS, the new commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, was a soldier at the age of sixteen and served throughout the civil war. He enlisted as a private in the Sixth Connecticut volunteers, and during his military career he was mentioned in regimental orders for bravery and meritorious service in the field and was several times promoted, reaching the rank of captain in 1894. He participated in the campaign against Richmond, the siege of Petersburg, the James River campaign and the capture of Fort Fisher. After the war Captain Beers became a lawyer in Bridgeport, Conn., and was judge of the city court for seventeen years.

BEGIN PACKING AT SCRAPPY RED MAN ARMSBY PLANT LANDS IN JAIL

FIRST START OF NEW INDUSTRY MADE LAST WEEK. Prunes Daily Arriving in Greater Volume; Many Tons Due From Outside Neighborhoods. When His "Helpmeet" Refuses to Leave the County Fair He Uses Horseship; Now He's in Jail.

Because his wife wouldn't break away from the joys and the attractions of the Polk County fair, and peacefully journey homeward with him, as he thought she ought to do, John Wacheno, an Indian from the Grande Ronde, proceeded to lambast her with a horseship last Saturday and landed in the county jail. Later he appeared before Esquire Tolson on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon, which charge was subsequently changed to simple assault, to which Wacheno pleaded guilty and was given a 12 day sentence in the jail. Wacheno couldn't understand what all the fuss was about, anyway. He admitted that he had taken a horseship to his wife but couldn't see anything wrong with that because she wouldn't go home with him as he had ordered her to do. What else could he do. The authorities didn't know, so they put him in soak to ponder over the woes of married life, especially as exemplified by a contrary "squaw."

NEW CHRISTIAN PASTOR COMES. C. C. Curtis, of Colfax, Wash., Takes Up Duties of Dallas Charge. Rev. C. C. Curtis, of Colfax, Washington who has accepted the pastorate of the Christian church in this city arrived in Dallas last week and has begun his official duties. Mrs. Curtis will arrive in Dallas some time this month. Rev. Curtis comes well recommended by the heads of foremost churches in Washington and Idaho in which he has worked. For several years he was pastor of the Christian church at Weiser, Idaho, but had given up station work for the evangelistic field. Rev. and Mrs. Curtis will occupy the Cutler house on Washington street.

LITTLE IS DOING AT COUNCIL SESSION

CITY COUNCIL PAYS BIG BATCH OF SEPTEMBER BILLS AND TALK OVER SEVERAL MATTERS.

LIBRARY FURNISHING; THEME

Councilman Coad Will Investigate Cost of Outfit in Portland; Barham Gets 90 Day Leave; Must Quit Using City Lot For Storage Purposes; Other Matters.

But little business of importance was transacted at the regular meeting of the city council last night. During the evening a communication was received from Mrs. George Gerlinger president of the Dallas Woman's club, and head of the public library board, relative to the furniture and fittings of a public library building in Portland which had been offered for sale at a bargain. At her suggestion Councilman Coad was instructed to visit Portland some day this week and investigate the offer with the idea of using the furniture, if suitable, in the new library here. At the next meeting of the council it is expected that a full and complete report will be received relative to the kind and amount of furniture required to complete the interior arrangements of the building. Mrs. Govro made application to the council for permission for her son to ride his bicycle on the sidewalks of the city in order that he might retain his position as newspaper distributor during the winter months when it is impossible for him to use the streets. After discussion, the council rejected the request. Barham Gets Leave. Councilman Barham was granted a 90-day leave of absence on his own request. City Marshal was instructed to notify everybody to remove their property from the city lots. It was reported that people had been in the habit of using the city lot on Alder street as a storage site for all sorts of plunder, and it was decided that the practice must stop. The marshal was also instructed to notify the Southern Pacific company to remove the gravel scattered over Church street, following the ballasting operations lately finished there. The question of whether or not the city had power to require a railway company to place its tracks on the grade established by the city, where such tracks traverse streets, was discussed, and finally referred to the city attorney for an opinion. New Cross Walks. The wooden cross walks at the intersection of Main and Mill streets were ordered placed in repair until such time as the city could construct concrete walks to replace them. The matter of the purchase and installation of drinking fountains was laid over until the spring months. It was figured that the winter rains would soon furnish all the moisture needed for man or beast. The regular monthly batch of bills was allowed.

COURT HOUSE PICK-UPS

Court Items, Real Estate Transfers, Farm Names Filed and Other News Briefly Told. Marriage Licenses. Elmer W. Boles to Neva G. Smith, first; Beat Estess, second. Stella L. Blynn et al to Lillian B. Lomport lot 8, block 13, Kingwood Park, w. d. 110. Elizabeth Gage et al to G. W. Hapstonall, 2 acres in tp 8 s r 6 w. d. 110. George W. McLoughlin to Sophronia J. McLoughlin, 50 acres in tp 9 s r 4 w. w. d. 12500. Silas Orchard to Adam Hewitt, lot 3, block 17, Ellis' Add to Dallas, w. d. 1200. Horace M. Reeves to Pearl R. Alexander, land in Independence, w. d. 12150. E. E. Weissen et ux to R. W. Baker, lot 2, block 8, Henry Hills Add. to Independence, w. d. 1250. Ann M. Donaldson to John C. Donaldson, lots in Buena Vista, w. d. 11. Frank R. Webb et al to Wilgus D. Smith, 40 acres in sec. 27, tp 7 s r 6 w. w. d. 11500. William N. Yeates et al to R. S. Percival, 123 square rods in tp. 8 s r 4 w. w. d. 11000. Probate. Estate and guardianship of Lincoln Thornton Murray, a minor; sixth annual report filed and approved. Guardianship of John W. Martin minor heirs; report of sale of real estate filed; Tuesday, Oct. 22, 1912, set for hearing. Estate of Lawrence Davis; E. M. Smith appointed guardian ad litem for David Holmes and Pauline Sutton, minor heirs; hearing continued to Oct. 8, 1912, at 10 o'clock a. m. Locate in Dallas. I. A. Priskey, of Holly, Colorado, accompanied by Mrs. Priskey, are located in Dallas and will probably make their future home here. Mr. Priskey has accepted a position in the Dallas laundry.

BUSY DAY GREETS CIRCUIT JUDGE GALLOWAY

DEPARTMENT NO. 2 OF POLK COURT TRANSACTS CONSIDERABLE BUSINESS MONDAY AFTERNOON.

NINE ACTIONS ARE HEARD

Three Divorce Cases Disposed of; Judgments Mostly Come By Default; Testimony Heard in But One Action; New Cases Filed in Both Departments.

Hearing and deciding nine actions at law, including three divorce cases, Judge William Galloway, of Department No. 2, of the Polk County Circuit court held a busy session of his court Monday afternoon, the session continuing until after 6 o'clock. Practically all of the cases were decided by default testimony being taken in but one divorce action.

Court Calendar. Following are the cases considered and the action taken in each case: Amelia Wagner vs. Joe Overmeyer and C. R. Overmeyer, foreclosure; sale confirmed. Elizabeth Porter vs. D. E. Emmett, partition; report of referee filed; Oscar Hayter for plaintiff; Simpson & Lewis for defendant. Dallas City Bank vs. Loring E. Bedwell et ux, foreclosure; Oscar Hayter for plaintiff; sale confirmed. D. G. Rempel and Sarah Rempel vs. M. W. Wilkins et al, foreclosure; L. D. Brown for plaintiff; default entered; decree of foreclosure as prayed for. Irene Canavan vs. Frank Canavan, divorce; L. D. Brown for plaintiff; default entered, decree as prayed for. E. B. Harris vs. Lee Harrington, action for money; Oscar Hayter for plaintiff; default entered; foreclosure of lien as prayed for. Thomas E. Cornelius vs. Emma C. Cornelius, McGarry & McGarry for plaintiff; default entered; decree as prayed for. William Faulk vs. Herbert A. Wilson; Oscar Hayter for plaintiff; demurrer overruled; defendant given 10 days to answer; plaintiff given 15 days thereafter in which to plead. Hannah L. McClure vs. William E. McClure, divorce; Oscar Hayter for plaintiff; defendant declining to further plead, testimony taken, and decree granted as prayed for. New Cases Filed. John G. Standard is asking for a divorce from his wife, Carrie Standard in department No. 2. Oscar Hayter appears for plaintiff. In the complaint it is stated that the couple were married in Moscow, Idaho, Oct. 25, 1888, and came to Oregon in 1903, where the defendant subsequently, or about Sep. 15, 1911, willfully deserted the plaintiff and refused to live apart from him. There are four minor children, three boys and one girl and plaintiff asks the court for a decree giving him custody of the boys and the defendant custody of the girl. The defendant is now living in Lincoln county. Plaintiff would also arrange matters so that both parents might visit their children and the children visit their parents as often as they saw fit. Charles W. Hickman through his attorneys, Price & Price, has begun an action against Clarence Alkman et al in department No. 1, of the Polk County circuit court, to secure payment of a note and asks judgment in the sum of \$955 with interest at 6 per cent from May 10, 1909, and \$250 additional as attorney's fees.

VETS MEET IN REUNION

Polk County Soldiers and Sailors Hold Session and Elect Officers for Ensuing Year. The annual reunion of the Polk County Soldiers' and Sailors' association was held at the armory in Dallas on Saturday, October 5, 1912, and was well attended by the comrades and their wives from all sections of the county. Enthusiastic addresses were delivered by Comrade Johnson, of Independence; Comrade Lee, of Monmouth, and Comrade E. L. Johnson, of Dallas. Election of officers for the coming year resulted as follows: E. L. Johnson, Dallas, president; D. M. Hampden, Dallas, vice president; J. R. Moyer, Falls City, quartermaster; B. Lovelace, Dallas, secretary; Henry Nies, Dallas, officer of the day. The next meeting will be held Friday, October 11, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., at the county court house, at which time the committee on by-laws will make its report. B. LOVELACE, Secy.

Drowned at Newport.

Claud Toner, 18 year old son of William Toner, of Newport, and nephew of Fred Toner of this city, was drowned with two lads about his own age, Saturday, October 5, when the steop Fulgrin capsized near the North reef buoy at Newport. His body has not been recovered. Fred Toner left for Newport yesterday and a search for the missing bodies will be commenced at once.